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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Planning, Programming and Budgeting
SUBJECT: Temporary Obligating Authority, FY 1969

1. This memorandum anticipates the issuance of an Agency notice in the near future to convey temporary obligating authority for Fiscal Year 1969 pending Congressional action on the Agency FY 1969 budget. We assume the Agency notice will make some provision as has been done in the past for exemption from the usual one-twelfth rule.

2. This Directorate feels that in R&D contracting, good management practice attempts to balance the work load as evenly as possible, remembering that we are working within a 9 month contracting period.

3. We feel that we were not able to effectively control the desired contract flow last year due to the overall 25% 1st quarter restriction for OEL and ORD; we are therefore requesting an authorization to obligate up to 33% of their annual rate through the 1st quarter of FY 1969.

4. In the case of OSI, OCS and FMSAC, the external research contracting (including rentals) is on a different basis with many of their on-going contracts requiring renewal in the 1st quarter. In these Offices, we feel that an authorization to obligate up to 50% for OSI and FMSAC and 33% for OCS of their annual rate through the 1st quarter of FY 1969 will enable them to effectively manage their contract actions throughout the year.



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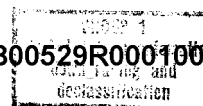
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